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**Forty-first President George Bush, (1989-1993) – Vice President(s) Dan Quayle, (1989-1993)**

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DB 80060 41: A Portrait of My Father by George W. Bush (7 hours, 44 minutes)

The author, the forty-third president of the United States, profiles his father, George H.W. Bush, the forty-first president of the United States. Details the elder Bush's early life in Massachusetts, service during World War II, and career in the oil industry, the CIA, and politics. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

DB 82900 Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush by Jon Meacham (25 hours, 12 minutes)

Drawing on extensive interviews and access to family diaries and papers, Meacham charts Bush's rise from county party chairmanship to congressman, UN ambassador, head of the Republican National Committee, envoy to China, director of the CIA, vice president under Ronald Reagan, and, finally, president of the United States. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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DB 82519 The Quiet Man: The Indispensable Presidency of George H.W. Bush by John H. Sununu (13 hours, 1 minute)

Former presidential chief of staff John H. Sununu provides an insider's account of George H. W. Bush's term as President of the United States. Discusses Bush's policy achievements, the first Gulf War, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and domestic legislation, including the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. 2015

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(50 hours, 21 minutes)

Detailed autobiography of William Jefferson Clinton, forty-second American president. Commercial audiobook. 2004.

DB 65210 For Love of Politics: Bill and Hillary Clinton in the White House by Sally Bedell Smith (21 hours, 34 minutes)

The author of *Grace and Power: The Private World of the Kennedy White House* (RC 58448) examines the intertwined personal and professional lives of former U.S. president Bill Clinton and his wife. Uses private papers, public records, and interviews with government officials to explain the couple's relationship. Some strong language. 2007.

DB 70440 The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President by Taylor Branch (25 hours, 41 minutes)

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A psychological biography of the first lady by the author of *Passages: Predictable Crises of Adult Life* (RC 43929). Sheehy attempts to analyze Hillary Clinton's reasons for staying married to her profligate husband through the 1990s. Explores her childhood, early adulthood, her career, and her marriage. Some strong language. Bestseller. 1999.

DB 55882 Living History by Hillary Rodham Clinton (23 hours, 19 minutes)

Former first lady's memoir of eight years in the White House that, she says, "tested my faith and political beliefs, my marriage and our nation's Constitution." Discusses how she and President Bill Clinton faced political opposition, legal challenges, personal tragedies, and the scandal of the Monica Lewinsky case. Bestseller. 2003.

DB 79036 Hard Choices by Hillary Rodham Clinton (30 hours, 27 minutes)

Hillary Rodham Clinton's account of the crises, choices, and challenges she faced during her four years as America's 67th secretary of state and how those experiences inform her vision of the future. Bestseller. 2014.

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DB 51903 A Charge to Keep by George W. Bush (8 hours, 42 minutes)

Autobiography of George W. Bush written during his campaign for president. Recalls his childhood in Texas, education, military service, business career, and political life. Describes his philosophy of "compassionate conservatism" and his hopes for the future. Bestseller. 1999.

DB 72023 Decision Points by George W. Bush (21 hours, 22 minutes)

George W. Bush, the forty-third president of the United States, describes pivotal decisions in his personal and political lives. Discusses his governance of Texas, the contested 2000 presidential election, and crises including the 9/11 terrorist attacks, wars in the Middle East, and Hurricane Katrina. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 77834 Days of Fire: Bush and Cheney in the White House by Peter Baker (31 hours, 31 minutes)

New York Times correspondent analyzes the inner workings of the Bush-Cheney White House (2001-2009), which dealt with the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina, and other crises. Refutes the notion that Cheney was the dominant figure and discusses the governing style of the forty-third president. Some strong language. 2013.

DB 86229 Bush by Jean Edward Smith (35 hours, 6 minutes)

Presidential biographer and author of Eisenhower in war and peace (DB 74849) attempts to portray the forty-third president in a critical yet fair manner. Discusses Bush's decision to invade Iraq and the consequences of that choice, the financial crisis of 2008, Hurricane Katrina, the No Child Left Behind Act, and other aspects of Bush's legacy. 2016.

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DB 66655 What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception by Scott McClellan (14 hours, 26 minutes)

Former White House press secretary (from 2003-2006) discusses the inner workings of the George W. Bush White House. Offers his view on key players Dick Cheney, Karl Rove, and Condoleezza Rice. Also covers major events such as the 9/11 terrorist attack, the war in Iraq, and Hurricane Katrina. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 67659 Angler: The Cheney Vice Presidency by Barton Gellman (15 hours, 54 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post reporter Barton Gellman details the inner workings of Vice President Dick Cheney's office through interviews with Cheney's colleagues and critics. Discusses the war in Iraq, the interrogation of prisoners, domestic espionage, and Cheney's beliefs supporting a strong commander in chief. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 71205 Spoken from the Heart by Laura Bush (21 hours, 14 minutes)

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Former first lady's memoirs describe growing up in Texas and discuss major life events, including a tragic accident in high school, her marriage to George, and the birth of their twin daughters. Highlights crises during her husband's administration, focusing on the September 2001 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 73796 In My Time: A Personal and Political Memoir by Dick Cheney and Liz Cheney (24 hours, 14 minutes)

Cheney (born 1941), who was George W. Bush's vice president, reminisces about his forty-year career in public service and his family life. Also discusses the events of September 11, 2001, and the subsequent War on Terror. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 90161 The Last Republicans: Inside the Extraordinary Relationship between George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush by Mark K. Updegrave (13 hours, 14 minutes)

Presidential historian examines and compares the lives and careers of both Bush presidents, from their formative years through their post-presidential activity. Discusses the ways they have influenced each other, their views on topics such as family and public service, and their perspectives on the transformation of the Republican Party. 2017.

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Biographies:

DB 69086 Renegade: The Making of a President by Richard Wolffe (15 hours, 35 minutes)

Newsweek reporter Wolffe analyzes the 2008 presidential campaign of Barack Obama. Drawing on dozens of interviews with the candidate and president, Wolffe discusses Obama's career in Illinois politics, decision to run for higher office, and grass-roots tactics. Details regional power structures and Obama's rivalry with Hillary Clinton's camp. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 69408 Barack and Michelle: Portrait of an American Marriage by Christopher Andersen (11 hours)

The author of Bill and Hillary: The Marriage (RC 48856) chronicles the courtship and marriage of American president Barack Obama and his wife Michelle. Analyzes both the struggles and achievements of the biracial politician and his Chicago-born and -bred partner. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

DB 70901 The Bridge: The Life and Rise of Barack Obama by David Remnick (27 hours, 10 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning author examines President Barack Obama's life through the prism of America's racial history. Analyzes his upbringing, education, work as a community organizer, and rise in Illinois politics. Considers Obama's civil rights heroes, mentors, and campaign strategies. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

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DB 71411 The Promise: President Obama, Year One by Jonathan Alter (22 hours, 7 minutes)

Journalist chronicles President Barack Obama's first year in the Oval Office. Recounts the president's challenges and triumphs, from the economic crisis and surging rates of joblessness to his push for major health care reform over objections from his own staff. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 73035 Young Mr. Obama: Chicago and the Makings of a Black President by Edward McClelland (9 hours, 4 minutes)

Portrait of forty-fourth U.S. President Barack Obama during his early political years. Describes Obama's arrival in Chicago at age twenty-three to serve as an organizer in the South Side. Discusses his work as private-practice attorney and law professor in the 1990s and his 2002 campaign for the U.S. Senate. 2010.

DB 73058 Revival: The Struggle for Survival Inside the Obama White House by Richard Wolffe (10 hours, 6 minutes)

In this sequel to the bestseller Renegade: The Making of a President (DB 69086), Wolffe gives a behind-the-scenes account of West Wing politics and policy making, one year after Barack Obama's inauguration. Discusses the challenges of health-care reform, the struggling economy, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. 2010.

DB 74165 The Obamas by Jodi Kantor (11 hours, 39 minutes)

New York Times correspondent conducted hundreds of interviews to create a portrait of Barack and Michelle Obama and their life in the White House. Kantor examines the first lady's influence on and advocacy for her husband and explores the political consequences of their personal dynamics. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 77347 The Center Holds: Obama and His Enemies by Jonathan Alter (19 hours, 50 minutes)

Journalist and author of The Promise: President Obama, Year One (DB 71411) assesses the president's 2012 reelection campaign, which followed big losses for congressional Democrats in the 2010 midterm elections. Discusses Republican opponent Mitt Romney's team, the use of social media, and the grassroots effort that led to Obama's victory. 2013.

DB 89169 Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama by David J. Garrow (58 hours, 44 minutes)

A biography covering the earlier years of Barack Obama's life and the trajectory that eventually led to his role as president of the United States. Discusses Obama's tumultuous upbringing, his college years, his early career, and his entry into the political field. Also chronicles his years in the Senate. 2017.

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Obama, his father a Kenyan student and his mother a white Kansan, struggles with issues of identity and ethnicity. A Harvard Law School graduate, community organizer, and civil rights lawyer, Obama recounts a life-changing pilgrimage to Kenya to meet relatives from his father's other marriages. Some strong language.

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Democratic senator from Illinois and author of *Dreams from My Father* (RC 43877) details his ideas to improve the country. Discusses American values, the U.S. Constitution, religion, globalization, race, and other subjects of interest to voters. Commercial audiobook. Abridged. 2006.

DB 67337 *Promises to Keep: On Life and Politics* by Joe Biden (17 hours, 34 minutes)

Autobiography of the U.S. senator from Delaware who was first elected to Congress in 1972 at age twenty-nine. Recalls his Irish Catholic upbringing in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Wilmington and the tragic deaths of his first wife and daughter. Highlights political and social issues that arose during his tenure. 2007.

DB 67711 *Michele: A Biography* by Liza Mundy (7 hours, 27 minutes)

Washington Post staff writer describes Michelle Obama's life from childhood through her political journey of becoming America's first African American first lady. Discusses her being the child of a Chicago city worker; her Ivy League education and successful career; marriage to Barack, who calls her "the boss"; and motherhood. 2008.

DB 68229 *Change We Can Believe In: Barack Obama's Plan to Renew America's Promise* by Barack Obama

Details the changes Democratic nominee Obama proposed to implement if he were elected president of the United States. Topics include reviving the economy, restoring America's place in the world, and embracing the country's values. Includes a foreword by Barack Obama and seven speeches from his presidential campaign. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 69409 *The Battle for America 2008: The Story of an Extraordinary Election* by Dan Balz and Haynes Johnson (17 hours, 8 minutes)

Examines the U.S. presidential primaries and 2008 election, which pitted Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton against Republican opponents including final candidate John McCain. Discusses ways the Clinton campaign's strategic mistakes and McCain's vice presidential

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nominee Sarah Palin influenced the outcome of the race. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

DB 70503 Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin (15 hours, 49 minutes)

Political journalists Heilemann and Halperin chronicle the hectic lives of the 2008 presidential candidates. Through interviews and personal accounts from members of both political parties, the reporters uncover behind-the-scenes campaign conversations, negotiations, and highly charged emotions from the years leading up to the election. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 73116 A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother by Janny Scott (11 hours, 42 minutes)

New York Times reporter chronicles the life of Stanley Ann Dunham (1942-1995), mother of U.S. president Barack Obama. Discusses her American ancestry, two interracial marriages in the 1960s and 70s, role as a single working mother of two biracial children, and field work in Indonesia as an anthropologist. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 74055 The Other Barack: The Bold and Reckless Life of President Obama's Father by Sally H. Jacobs (11 hours, 36 minutes)

Boston Globe reporter investigates the life of Kenyan economist Barack Obama (1936-1982), father of the forty-fourth U.S. president. Highlights the senior Obama's tribal family and childhood, education at the University of Hawaii and Harvard, role in post-colonial Kenya, multiple marriages, and personality. 2011.

DB 75139 Barack Obama: The Story by David Maraniss (30 hours, 55 minutes)

Washington Post Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist traces the history of Barack Obama's maternal and paternal families, the Dunhams from Kansas and the Obamas from Kenya. Discusses the social, economic, and cultural forces that influenced Obama up to age twenty-seven, when he entered Harvard Law School. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 76065 American Tapestry: The Story of the Black, White, and Multiracial Ancestors of Michelle Obama by Rachel L. Swarns (11 hours, 48 minutes)

New York Times reporter presents research on First Lady Michelle Obama's roots, beginning in 1850s Georgia with enslaved teenager Melvinia--Obama's great-great-great-grandmother--and her owner, Henry Wells Shields. Traces the family tree through five generations to the White House. 2012.

DB 77383 Collision 2012: Obama vs. Romney and the Future of Elections in America by Dan Balz (18 hours, 55 minutes)

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Washington Post correspondent follows up The Battle for America, 2008 (DB 69409) with an account of the 2012 presidential race between incumbent Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. Details Romney's path to the nomination, the polarized electorate, and the roles played by super PACs and social media. 2013.

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#### First Lady and Family:

DB 74829 American Grown: The Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America by Michelle Obama (6 hours, 25 minutes)

America's First Lady describes the kitchen garden that she and White House staff planted in 2009 on the south lawn. Discusses seasonal plants and chores, provides recipes, explores other gardens across the country, and examines the history of gardening. 2012.

DB 92627 Becoming by Michelle Obama (19 hours, 5 minutes)

A memoir by the former First Lady, the first African American in that role. Obama recounts her childhood in Chicago, her years balancing motherhood and her career as an executive, and her time in the White House. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2018.

#### Writings and Speeches:

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DBC 01602 Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters by Barack Obama (0 hours, 20 minutes)

President Obama praises thirteen American citizens--including Helen Keller, Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez--whose contributions shaped our country. Expresses hope that these heroes will inspire his daughters and all children to pursue their own unique gifts and build up our nation. For grades K-3. 2010.

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DB 26956 Trump: The Art of the Deal by Donald Trump (10 hours, 37 minutes)

The brash, blunt, wunderkind of New York City real estate tells of his career and business style. Beginning with a day-to-day description of an "average" week, he then offers tidbits of business wisdom, facts about his family life, and assessments of some of his flashier deals, including the building of Trump Tower in Manhattan, the acquisition of his Atlantic City casinos, and his ownership of the New Jersey Generals football team. Bestseller.

DB 83461 Never Enough: Donald Trump and the Pursuit of Success by Michael D'Antonio (14 hours, 37 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael D'Antonio profiles businessman and presidential candidate for the 2016 elections Donald Trump. D'Antonio examines Trump's methods in his pursuit of success, which he suggests are based on a feeling of superiority. He examines Trump's professional and personal lives, drawing on interviews with Trump and his family. 2015.

DB 86834 The Making of Donald Trump by David Cay Johnston (6 hours, 51 minutes)

In-depth report of the mogul's rise to power, beginning with his childhood in Queens, New York. Examines such topics as the origins of his family's fortune, his own business empire, his education and early career, and his successful presidential bid. Draws on interviews, financial records, court documents, and public statements. Bestseller. 2016.

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An examination of the 2016 American presidential race. Conservative commentator Wead discusses his views on the media's role in the race, their investment in Clinton's race, the success of Trump's campaign, and how Trump managed to rise to power despite the odds. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

DB 88233 The Making of the President 2016: How Donald Trump Orchestrated a Revolution by Roger Stone

A political adviser and Republican strategist examines how Trump's campaign managed to deliver such a polarized and unexpected victory. Discusses the "silent majority," how the election shifted in typically Democratic states, the harnessing of discontent, and the use of guerilla-style grassroots campaigning. 2017.

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DB 88982 Promise Me, Dad: A Year of Hope, Hardship, and Purpose by Joseph R. Biden (9 hours, 39 minutes)

President Biden discusses the difficulties he faced managing his public commitments while his eldest son, Beau, underwent treatment for a malignant and terminal brain tumor. Biden emphasizes that the strength of his family and his friendship with President Obama sustained him throughout this difficult period. Bestseller. 2017.

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DB 93761 The Truths We Hold: An American Journey by Kamala D. Harris (9 hours, 28 minutes)

Vice President, former California senator, and daughter of immigrants, Kamala Harris discusses how her upbringing informs her political views. Recounts her education and early career as a

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prosecutor before transitioning into politics. Discusses her views on problem solving, crisis management, and leadership that she feels can aid in uniting Americans. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2019.